GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Shipment of Goods
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian ports are clogged with raw material and goods awaiting shipment and if so, the reasons therefor;
(b) whether the foreign buyers have refused to accept these goods and if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) the total value of these locked goods;
(d) whether such non-clearance of goods has any adverse effect on our economy and if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard; and
(e) the time by which these goods are expected to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)to(e):No, Madam. Major Ports are not clogged with raw materials. However, Haldia Dock Complex of Kolkata Port Trust has about 1,20,116 MT Iron ore in bulk meant for shipment, on account of various exporters. The shipments could not be undertaken by them primarily due to fall in price of the cargo in the overseas market. No information of foreign buyers refusing to accept these goods is available with KoPT. The total value of this cargo is about Rs. 24 Crore. The said cargo is occupying storage space inside dock. The auction process has been initiated.
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